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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/839,125	WANG ET AL.
	Examiner Sanh D Phu	Art Unit 2682

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The IDS filed 4/23/2001 has been considered and recorded in the file.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1–4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Meins et al (6,587,700).

Regarding to claim 1, see Fig. 1, 2, 3, 4 and col. 3 line 24 to col. 9, line 40, Meins et al disclose that a mobile communicator utilizes wireless

transmitting technology to receive or emit signals, the appearance of the mobile communicator at least includes a plurality of buttons (103,303) that is used to input data and a display (123, 323) that is used to show information, the mobile communicator characterized in: the display is located below the plurality of buttons (see fig.1, col. 3, line 24 to col. 4, line 31).

Regarding to claim 2, Meins et al disclose a mobile communicator wherein the appearance further includes an antenna on the top (109) (see Fig.1, 2, 3, 4, col. 3, line 39 to col. 4, line 4).

Regarding to claim 3, Meins et al disclose a mobile communicator wherein the appearance further includes a sound-taking aperture (105,411), which is located between the antenna and the plurality of buttons (see Fig. 1,2,3,4 and col.3, lines 39–52).

Regarding to claim 4, Meins et al disclose a mobile communicator wherein the appearance further includes a sound-sending aperture (129,429), which is located on the lower position (see Fig. 1, 2, 3, 4, and col. 8, line 48 to col. 9, line 22).

Conclusion

3. Reference Uskali et al (6,646,626), Roustaei et al (2001/0034222) and Nishimoto (6,046,732) are additionally cited because they are pertinent to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D Phu whose telephone number is (703) 305-8635. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on 703-301-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-8635.

Sanh D. Phu
Examiner

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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